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THE WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington—Occasional rain.

PUBLIC SERVICE STANDARDS.

The Morning Astorian admits its predilection for cleanliness and competency in public office, and this without a shadow of partisan spirit. There is an old-fashioned idea that the functions of public office are honorable and are bestowed as among the highest expressions of communal confidence; it is a trusteeship that may not be slighted, no matter how careless the people themselves get to be in regard to them. The investiture of office carries with it the flat sense of popular reliance in the man invested, and not even the heedlessness of the public may condone the deliberate wrong of the servant. Graft will never be justified on the score that the grafter is unwatched; it is enough to say he is trusted implicitly. That puts it up to him to make good. In his failure he confesses his unworthiness, and time brings his punishment. All the Astorian asks is that the offices shall be administered for the benefit and safety of the people and their properties and the good name of the community. And the Astorian speaks for the people as it has the right; it is the admitted function of all newspapers; a function qualified by 33 years of legitimate, consecutive and fidelity to this cause and course.

NO SLATE HERE.

A certain member of the Astoria common council went to the trouble on Monday night last, to deprecate any further official attention to the Adair drain because, "Mr. Dellinger (the proprietor of the Morning Astorian) was going to put in an entirely new council on the first of January, and it was not necessary for the present council to trouble itself," or words to that effect and substance. This sort of thing was utterly uncalled for, wholly gratuitous, sheerly personal, and a tacit challenge to every newspaper in the city. The councilman made a foolish break, as he found within an hour of this declaration. It mortified his colleagues and placed him on record as a poorly read citizen, since, had he read the Astorian he must have known that this paper has never, under any circumstances, made, presented, demanded, nor contrived a "slate" of any kind, and that it has not, today, a single, distinct or specific choice of man or men, for any office in the municipality whatsoever; that it has not hinted such a thing, but on the contrary has averred its freedom from all ties and alignments and people.

The Morning Astorian has no slate, will make no slate, does not want one and will not lend itself to the formulation of one. Is that plain enough?

But the Morning Astorian will take a hand in the election, and re-election, every good business man who will permit his name to come up for electoral consideration, for the council and every office in the gift of the city, be he Democrat or Republican, or what he may; and it will also have something to do with the defeat of such men as it shall conclude are entitled to that treatment, on whatever grounds it may deem sufficient, and it has specific grounds for just such action in several prospective cases, not the least notable of which is that of the gentleman who volunteered the uncalled-for assertion in the council last Monday night.

COFFEE

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ALONG ARTISTIC LINES.

While Astoria is surely and steadily surging ahead on general and commercial lines of improvement and development, it must be remembered that she is holding her own in an artistic way, musically artistic be it understood; that her clever men and women in this line, the very best of them, are merged in an organic whole, the Astoria Philharmonic Society, which under the masterful leadership of Dr. Emil Enna, and the spirit and access of its own strong equipment in the art it serves, is becoming one of the noted agencies of the coast country, as a musical establishment; it has won cordial notice from the magazines of that cult, and its first concert is conceded to have been one of the best ever given as an initial demonstration; and there are those among the priest-hood of music who do not hesitate to prophesy great things for this particular group of people in the near future if they shall observe and maintain the high standards already set.

This is very gratifying to the people of Astoria, and it is presumed that such a realization will prompt the most cordial support of the society in its coming public appearances.

STRONG POLICY.

An extremely important feature of the constructive Republican policy is the national move for the conservation of the natural resources of the country. This measure has been originated by the present Republican administration and, like the Homestead Law, the National Irrigation act and other measures for the benefit of the whole people, its influence is destined to be far reaching and productive of great good to the home builders of the country.

The National Conservation Commission as it exists today is an outgrowth of the Inland Waterways Commission. This commission was appointed by President Roosevelt in March, 1907. In his letter creating the Waterways Commission the President used this language: "That the Inland Waterways Commission shall consider the relations of the streams to the use of all the permanent natural resources and their conservation for the making and maintenance of prosperous homes."

AFTERTHOUGHTS.

Mr. Olney insists that the Republicans have been in power too long. So they have—too long to suit the Democrats, but not too long to suit the workingmen who remember vividly the empty dinner pails of the last Democratic administration and the era of prosperity and high wages that has endured three Republican administrations.

It was most tactless of Mr. Parker to refer to "Democracy's past mistakes" and the candidacy of Mr. Bryan almost in the same breath.

The Republican party, Mr. Bryan says, is in full retreat. Perhaps it could make better speed if the road wasn't so cluttered up with deserting Democrats.

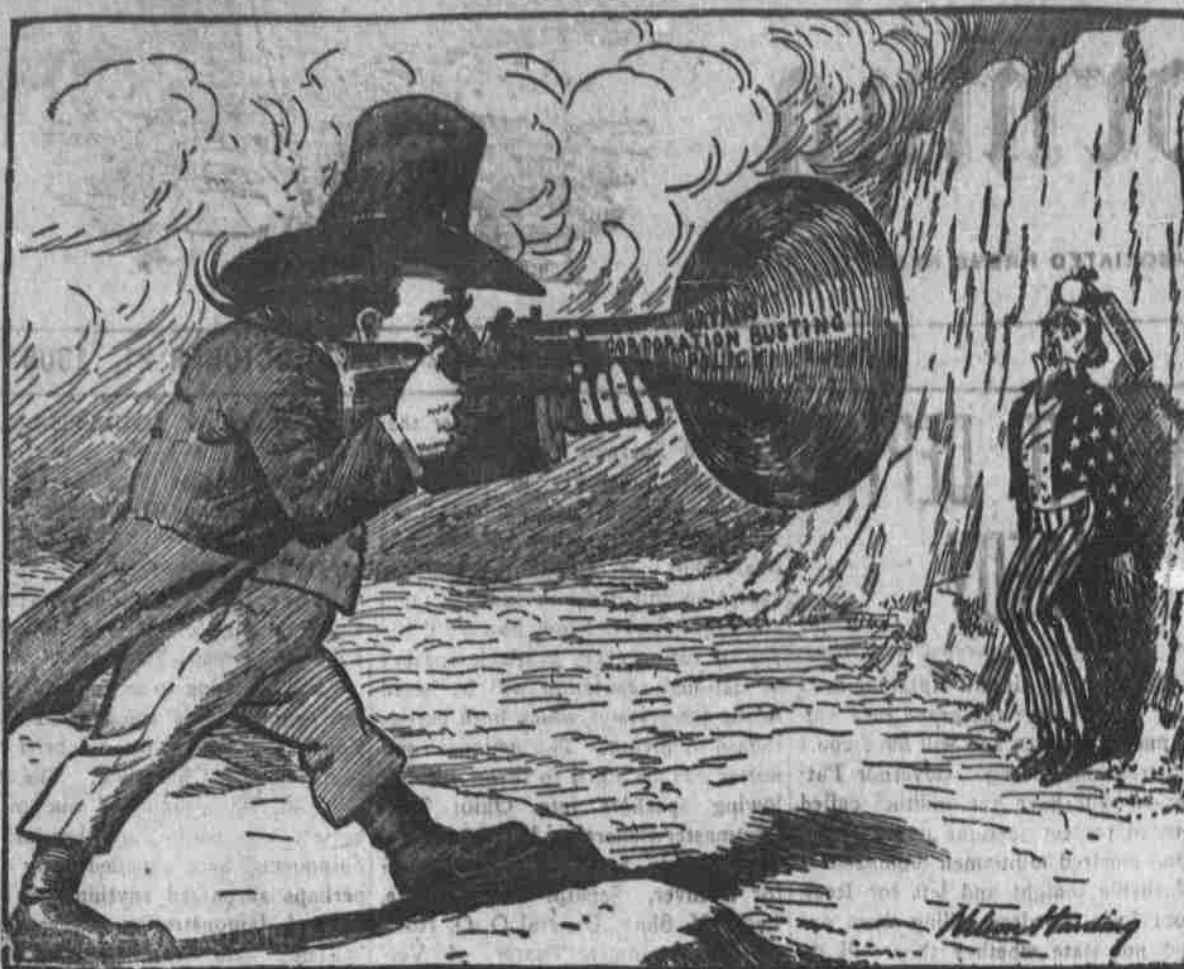
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WILLIAM TELL.



—Brooklyn Eagle.

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Events have nullified every prophecy ever made by Bryan. Such a prophet merits no trust for the future.

Mr. Bryan challenges Mr. Taft to take the people into his confidence. It isn't necessary. The people long ago took Mr. Taft into theirs.

Mr. Bryan has suffered two defeats at the hands of an Ohio man.

The West reports bumper crops of all kinds, including Taft votes.

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BUCKETS AND CLUBMEN.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—Mrs. Davis Hunt, a Chicago society woman, aided by an amateur bucket brigade of clubmen from the Chicago Golf Club, rescued 12 of her valuable show horses from a burning stable on her farm near Wheaton. She rushed into the thick of the flames, garden hose in hand, were the smoke so dense she could not see and streams of water flew about and fought for her pets until the last one was safely outside the burning structure. Her clothes were ruined and the barn, worth \$1000 was destroyed.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—Serbian residents of San Francisco and vicinity will tonight assemble in a mass meeting at Golden Gate hall to inaugurate a movement in support of the independence of Bosnia, and Herzegovina, the provinces recently annexed by Austria. Resolutions already endorsed by the Serbian Club, denouncing Austria as a tyrannical oppressor, will be submitted for approval for approval and it is probable that there will be a call for volunteers in case of war in the Balkans.

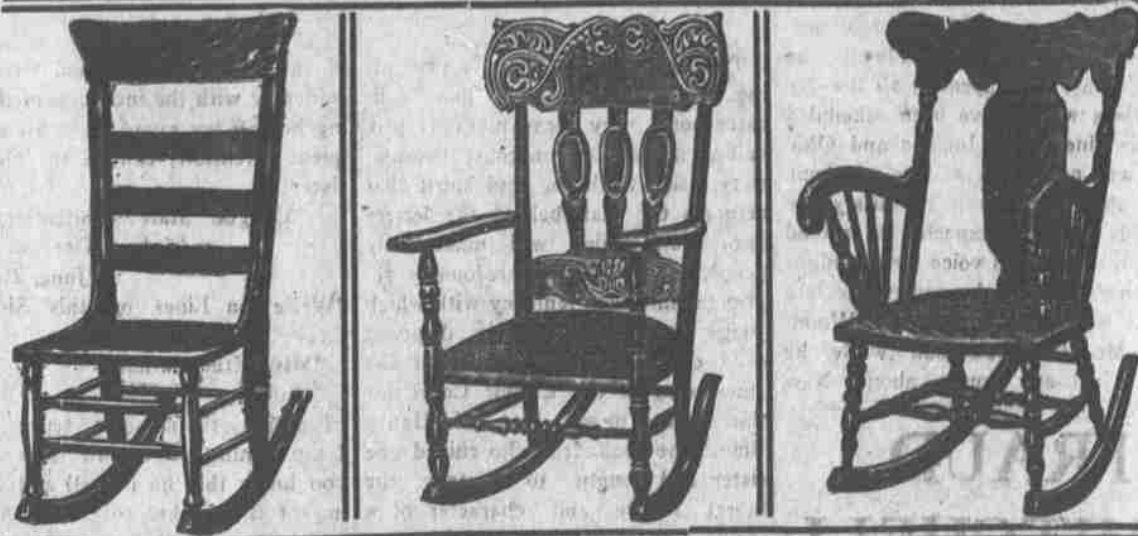
Women of the Serbian colony have taken active part in the movement and matters have progressed to such an extent that Serbian bands are being drilled in several coast cities by former officers of the Austrians and Montenegrin armies.

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